

Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

DATE: October 22, 2014

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Davidoff, Shari Cantor, Clare Kindall, Denise Hall, Chris Barnes, Ron Van Winkle, Mark McGovern, John Phillips

Also attending from the Metropolitan District Commission: Scott Jellison, Brendan Fox, Nick Selene

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Monday, October 20, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. MDC Project

A team from the Metropolitan District Commission discussed their ongoing Clean Water Project and the construction of storage tunnels and consolidation tunnels in West Hartford.

2. Public Works

- Parking

John Phillips discussed the kiosk parking system in the Center and continuous improvements we have been making to increase its ease of use by the customers. The Town issues about one half as many parking tickets with the new system then we did with meters.

- Storm sewer

West Hartford will participate in the hearings on the regulations being proposed by DEEP for storm water systems. The Town estimates that these regulations will increase annual spending by about \$300,000 and will require significant additional capital expenditures if these regulations are adopted as written.

- Winter preparations

Public Works is planning for a winter season similar to last years and has an adequate supply of road treatment materials for the expected need. This year we will be using a combination of "Clear Lane" and salt for the first time. We have not used salt in several years. The salt is less expensive and can be used with storms where the temperature stays above 28 degrees.

The committee also discussed organic recycling and the Department's employee recognition ceremony planned for October 23rd.

3. UConn

The Committee discussed the efforts of staff to gather complete information on the issues that need to be addressed about the future use of the UCONN site. We estimate we should have a plan in place for the Committee's consideration by their meeting in January.

4. Complete streets
Mark McGovern discussed the staff's work on developing a Complete Streets policy.
5. Economic Development
Mark McGovern discussed recent economic development activity.
6. Other business
No other business was discussed.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors